Zionism Welds Spirit of Democracy In World-Sundered Jewish People

World War Burning Away Old Prejudices and Oppressions That Cumbered the Road to the Restoration

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Copyright, 1913, by The Tribune Association] HERE were eminent and dis tinguished men, Jewish leaders and spokesmen, playing important rôles in world affairs, who were either indifferent or entirely opposed to Zionism; favored by fortune or gifttage of unquenchable Jewish genius, they sat in high places and had free access to the great organs of public expression and to the discussions in inner ruling or guiding circles. Their had better leave ill enough alone; that they should not raise the question of nationalism, lest it do them harm, and that they content themselves with re maining scattered among the peoples of

spiritual sanction to the policy of ne- demands of Jewry. The programme nonderous, theory to the effect that the phrasing of the term of self-determi- stacles mission of Israel required Israel to re- nation which had become a slogan of

The Great Mass Was Inarticulate

ple remained inarticulate, living in the largest numbers under the iron rule oppression, their societies prohibited, their newspapers suppressed, har their activities restricted. Up to the groups produced time of the first Zionist Congress, in 1897, they had no effective public pec tions known to the world. Only occasionally did a writer or spokesman having access to the organs of publication of the larger world voice their

of Jewish men and women remained secution and did not recognize its chief For centuries the desire of millions smouldering, unknown, their prayers unheard, their songs sounding like faroff; dving echoes in waste places.

And vet the busy, distracted, con- Away Old Prejudices fused world has heard and harkened to the call of the Jewish people, the koll shofar, the great sounding of the trumpet summoning a nation to a new life. Amid war's alarms, amid deafening and overwhelming roaring and boom of cannon, amid the cataclysmic tumult of the world in upheaval was heard the muffled cry of an heaval was heard the muffled cry of an experiment.

devastated and destroyed and their millions of inhabitants had gone through all the agony of the great upheaval; hundreds of thousands of Jews, sons of the common people, were shedsons of the common people, were shedding their blood on all battle fronts. The future of a whole, long-suffering people hallowed by new martyrdom was hanging in the balance, and who should have decided its fate? Was it for some well meaning but short sighted Jewish magnate in London or Petrograd or Paris or New York; was it for some prosperous, safely ensconced, select group distinctly detached from the living source of Jewish life to say as to what disposition should be made of the vexing Jewish problem? No, that could not be. The voice of the ghettos of Russia and Rumania, Galicia, Salonica, England, Canada and the United States in the face. sons of the common people, were shedding their blood on all battle fronts.

The future of a whole, long-suffering people hallowed by new martyrdom

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Israel, decide their own destiny, and thanks to the epoch-making unfoldment Chief Principle of events the saving word of self-de- Was Violated

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM



"Sound the Trumpet of Zion," from the "Amsterdammer," Amsterdam

tered among the nations of the world | The Jews were the first among the without a centre of its own; and con- oppressed nationalities to have clearly ferences of rabbis and congregations enunciated this democratic, and just ligious identity of the Jews and em- democracy had made a new gain and bodying the belief that Israel now rep- the Jewish people, through Zionism, resented a spiritual sect only and did had made a new spiritual contribu-The great masses of the Jewish peo- drove them from their homes, once

means of making their national aspira-

War Has Burned

voice of the ghettos of Russia and Rumania, Galicia, Salonica, England, Canada and the United States, in the face of the great struggle for democracy, the newspaper reporter, at any rate, the sexposition of the idea at the root of the great controversy raging in German Jewry found few adherents at that period, although to-day it is accepted by both orthodox and reform the newspaper reporter, at any rate, could neither be suppressed nor super-seded; it had to be heard, and was heard, above the din of the world conheard, above the din of the world conflict.

Old Dream Now

A State Document

Justice demanded that the great masses of the Jews, the millions in largel, decide their own destiny, and

termination, long ago heard in Jewish conferences, in time became the most significant term in state papers.

The day of deliverance having dawned, the fate of all subject peoples having become a world issue, the most grievously wronged of these peoples at last had the opportunity of stating its case; and Zionism, speaking and laboring in behalf of the large.

Was Violated

The wrong that was done consisted chiefly in a violation of the democratic principle which prohibits the misrepresentation of the feelings and beliefs of a people, but the founders of Reform Judaism sought a means for warding off the blows of the enemy, without striking at the root of oppression and persecution, and did not anticipate the charges that would be wrought by the larger freedom of the people, and democratic principle which prohibits the misrepresentation of the feelings and beliefs of a people, but the founders of Reform Judaism sought a means for warding off the blows of the enemy, without striking at the root of oppression and persecution, and did not anticipate the larger freedom of the people, and democratic principle which prohibits the misrepresentation of the feelings and beliefs of a people, but the founders of Reform Judaism sought a means for warding and intellectual force with great skill and intellectual force w

heaval was heard the muffled cry of an oppressed and struggling people, and over the clangor of battle rose that faint cry until it reached the highest forums and council chambers of the world.

Do you ask how this has come to pass? The answer is that it was the cry of an oppressed people, and that it was for the cause of this people and of other nationalities which, in violation of Israel's law, had been subjected and disenfranchised, that the great nations were now engaged in the throes of a life and death struggle.

The great principle first laid down in Biblical law and then enforced in the pronouncements of the Hebrew prophets, the principle of democracy, now assuming new depth and meaning, was perhaps for the last time being fought out on the field of battle; thousands of Jewish communities had been devastated and destroyed and their millions of inhabitants had gone through all the agony of the great united states of the maintenance of Jewish institutions in Palestine through all the agony of the great in the time given effective aid toward in the professions and opposition toward through all the agony of the great in the time given effective aid toward in the professions in Palestine through all the agony of the great in the time given effective aid toward in the professions in Palestine through all the agony of the great in the professions in Palestine through all the agony of the great in the time given effective aid toward in the professions in Palestine through all the agony of the great in the professions in Palestine through the great in the tour of the future of the damy of denterished conceptions, and the throat through the future of the damy of denterished conceptions, and with them the theory of carrying the power to carry it sufficiently far, without the throat the throat the profession without having the power to carry it sufficiently far, without the throat the throat through the dimition of the mational trin the throat through the mational trip of the war demanded of the war demonity of the

"The entire purpose of the Messianic

extraordinary talent, continuing simultaneously their scientific studies of Judaism and the gradual modification

ocratic forms of religious life and com-munal organizations, the Jews have throughout their history been the upholders and harbingers of democratic principles. The history of Jewish or-ganization is largely the history of an attempt to attain self-rule, to divide equally the rights and obligations of eenally the rights and congations of the individuals to the group. Zionism being the most potent expression of Jewish democracy Jews have in later-times found in the Zionist organization

differences, but the grant of full rights, despite differences. There must be justice and good will, not only between individuals, but between different peoples. All peoples must have equal rights."

Thus did a leader of Zionism propound the question of the rights of nationalities a considerable time before the entrance of this country into war. But few public men then considered the question in exactly this light and rooms stated it so clearly. It was, howthe new time, and soon the principle underlying the great new ideal, which has inspired the whole American pecple, was promulgated by our highest official authority and—we took up arms to defend it.

New Control To Stop Waste In Rifle Fire

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Close Friend Sheds New Light On Lafcadio Hearn's Character

Irish-Greek Writer Left Literary Tradition as Unique as That of America's Edgar Allan Poe

By Albert Mordell

HE interest in Lafcadio Hearn is constantly being renewed. Either new facts concerning his life or new original material by him, personality and amazing genius. Elwood Hendrick, of Philadelphia,

who passed with him the last evening Hearn spent in America, has just shed new light on the unique literary character, who, as Stedman prophesied, has ne as much a tradition as our own Poe. Mr. Hendrick spoke of Hearn's Would Prevent Soldiers Unhisland. I took the liberty of questionng Mr. Hendrick bluntly in regard to

end of the first volume of the Life, with was a none too reputable he addressee's name blank, were ad-ressed to her. Is this so?" I asked.
"Hearn's love for Miss Bisland was ally idealistic worship. She was one the addressee's name blank, were ad-Discharge If the Piece Is dressed to her. Is this so?" I asked. really idealistic worship. She was one mind at rest on that score he ease, of the most beautiful girls in America

at the time. They were always friendly Spiritually Reborn and he dedicated a book to her many In a Beer Cellar fire at fairly close range has years afterward, when both were married, and he always had a picture of of my life.

which he speaks of an idealistic love of a man for a girl who asked him to Street and Sixth Avenue. It was one Unattractive Market and Sixth Avenue. It was one

Hearn Worked Here In Dire Poverty

years old. He suffered the most horrible privations both in Cincinnati and
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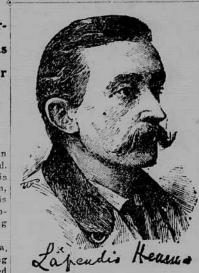
Control Is Fool Proof

Colonel Frank D. Ely, of our army, has for years been engaged in a constant but losing endeavor to interest the ordnance officials in a device which he claims will control rifle fire. Its mechanical features are of no great import here; enough to say that it is an attachment to be put on the rifle, which which is fool proof in every respect and which makes it impossible for the rifle to be discharged when held higher.

New Orleans, in both of which cities he did newspaper work. He travelled in paper on a little Chinese tea box on a table with his eye about two inches from his script, and at other times I would call for him in the evening and we would have dinner at a clean but cheap restaurant near by. He was very to the general impression, Hearn had never been an American citizen, though he lived here twenty-one years. His which is fool proof in every respect and which makes it impossible for the rifle to be discharged when held higher.

"Society" on Him

New Orleans, and she knew well how to describe her friend so as to arouse the listen. She brought him with her to listence. She brought him her to her listence. She brought him whith her to listence. She brought him whith her to l listener. She brought him with her to luncheon one day when Mrs. Rollins had them to herself, and this resulted in his acceptance of an invitation to dinner on the following Saturday evening, provided, as he stipulated, that there he no strangers present. I was living with the Rollinses then in one of the Spanish apartments on Central Park South. Mrs. Rollins was so thrilled by his talk during luncheon that she could not resist the temptath that she could not resist the temptath.



Shooting Over the Heads of the Enemy ing Mr. Hendrick bluntly in regard to Hearn's alleged love for Miss Bisland, his biographer, now Mrs. Wetmore.

"A recent biographer asserts that Rollins understood, and within five Mechanical Device Easily

Hearn was madly in love with Miss Bisminutes we were on our way downland and that she did not reciprocate, and that the famous love letters at the fourth Street and Sixth Avenue there

her in his home. I don't think he ever drank much beer or little, for we were too busy talking to notice the rather unsavory people about us or what was for her into the story of "Kerner".

As many readers are aware, Lafcadio Hearn was the son of an Irish officer, Surgeon Major Charles Hearn, and a Greek mother, and came to America Surgeon Major Charles Hearn, and a with me to lunch, and all the agony of the dinner and surprise party the

and which makes it impossible for the by nationalities in the regeneration of humanity. Zienism, the right of a people to its national home and freedom to live its own life, is what in a larger sense the Allies are fighting for, and among them America has become the greatest champion of liberty for all peoples, great and small, so that discussion of any possible conflict become one of the discarded futilities of the age.

Maintaining from ancient days democratic forms of religious life and communal organizations, the sews have throughout their history here the more and organizations, the sews have throughout their history here the mission with the mission with the mission with the part history here the mission of the part to be played and which makes it impossible for the role of the discarded which his his most in the relation of the part to be played and which makes it impossible for the role of the discarded which his his head his left of collections of adaptations of foreign and volume of travels in beautiful prose poetry, two collections of adaptations of foreign and volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign at Jay Gould's house. My sister and that we well also, and a volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and a volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and a volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and a volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and a volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and a volume of travels in the subject of the all all and volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and a volume of travels in the collections of adaptations of foreign and a volume of travels in the west lades, and a volume of travels in the west flows.

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Magic Discourse

"Society" on Him

"She had been connected with 'The New Orleans Times-Democrat' and was at this time literary editor of a monthly magazine. Lafeadio had worked with her on the same newspaper in New Orleans, and she knew well how to describe her friend so as to arouse the lively interest and curiosity of the listener. She brought him with her to luncheon one day when Mrs. Rollins had them to herself, and this resulted in his acceptance of an invitation to

Worked Here in Poverty Before Acquiring International Fame for Japanese Studies

Mitchell MacDonaid, of the United panionship with Lafcadio Hearn is golden page in the history of friend ship. He knew Japan well, and within

disillusioned and more reserved than

Ho wrote:
"I can't feel toward men generally any longer as I used to I feel, in short, a little misanthropic. The general facts seem to be that all realities between men are of self

etc., for degree of intensity.
"May I interrupt you, Mr. Hendrick."
I asked, "to inquire if in spite of all that Hearn says about Japan there is

"There is no peril in Japan for us, came the reply, no doubt inspired by the Hearn influence, "cither yellow, white or envious green, if only we learn to love the golden radiance of

men and women of Japan."

"To come back to Hearn," I continued, "was he as unattractive as he fancied himself?"

nowhere are disastrous than rifle fire.

anges that the and it is here id lost. Former-sites for a good an open field of an o were the teaplant, he was always beautiful. I can say the same. His voice was gentle and there was a touch of Irish brogue in his speech, just that little rounding out of words, the Celtic started. train that seems to make them com-

"He was, moreover, a real, live, mas-culine man. There was nothing sissy or effeminate about him. In fact, he could and would even tell a risque story. There is no use of making an angel There is no use of making an ange-out of our hero. He was a man's man." Quotations from the letters of Hearn to Hendrick are always interesting, but in one letter Hearn lays down the

but in one letter Hearn lays down the core of his system—the idea that he found both in Buddhism and modern science. Without a grasp of his netions on inherited memory and unconscious feelings, a knowledge or appreciation of Hearn is not complete.

The passers follows:

The passage follows: "The law that inherited memory

becomes transmuted into intuities or instincts is not absolute. Only some memories, or rather parts of them, are so transformed. Others remain—will not die. When you felt the charm of that tree and that lawn, many who would have loved you the charm of that tree and that lawn.

— many who would have loved you were they able to live as in other days were looking through you and remembering happy things. At least I think it must have been so. The different ways in which different places and things thus make appeal would be partly explained; the supreme charm referring to reminiscences reaching through the longest chain of life and the highest. But no pleasure of this sort can have so ghostly a sweetness as that which belongs to the charm of an anwhich belongs to the charm of an an-cestral home in which happy genera-tions have been. Then how much dead love lives again, and how many cestasies of the childhoods of a hundred years must revive! We do not all die, said the ancient wise

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